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Thursday 4th March 2021

Dear Year 9 Parent and Carer

We are delighted to welcome your child back to NT on Friday 12th March. Tretherras staff are so excited to motivate, support and connect with our students once again – students belong in classrooms with their teachers!

We are so proud of Year 9. They have attended online lessons well and staff have celebrated some excellent examples of uploaded work. Thank you for all you have done at home to make this possible.

This letter seeks to share with you some information we trust you will find useful as your child returns to school: 1) Guidance about behaviour protocols and uniform 2) What we are doing to support your child in terms of 'catch-up' and academic support 3) Year 9 updates.

1. Guidance about behaviour protocols and uniform:

At Newquay Tretherras, we are proud of the smart appearance of our students and are very appreciative of the support that you offer in maintaining the standard of uniform. School uniform is the foundation of our high standards, accompanied by a positive work ethic, and conduct in and around school.

Whilst we will continue to expect the same high standards, we are mindful that over lockdown students may have grown and many providers of uniform have been closed. Therefore, we intend to use the first two weeks back to support students with this matter. If you need any support with purchasing uniform or have any questions please contact us - we have purchased a limited number of uniform items that we can loan to students in the short term.

To help your child fully understand back to school procedures and expectations, there is a presentation for you to watch on the school website: <https://tretherras.net/returning-to-school/> It is hoped that this will pre-empt any questions you may have about the wider re-opening of school. Please watch this with your child to help them feel secure about their return. Further, all students will also have a virtual assembly to ensure that everyone has absolute clarity about our expectations of behaviour and Covid related safety protocols.

Finally, over the next few weeks, students will be completing a short questionnaire about their lockdown experience. We are proud of our outstanding safeguarding and pastoral support for all students of Tretherras. There will be a welcome back event on the 15th March where tutors will use the questionnaire responses to guide intervention and support – your child's well-being is our absolute priority.

2. What we are doing to support your child in terms of 'catch-up' and academic support:

We feel it's important to reassure you that NT staff are working tirelessly to ensure that *all* students are supported with any work they may have missed. Staff have been involved in training and planning for this term and our aim is that children experience school in a way that is enjoyable and calm.

We have a detailed a whole school approach to catching up any students who may be feeling uncertain about elements of work set last term. Teachers have been asked to identify any students who they feel need additional support and attention in class, and we have a range of intervention strategies planned across the school.

In addition, from 15th March, there will be staffed **Study Support rooms open after school, from 3.00pm - 4.00pm**, in year group bubbles, for students to access work and resources online should they wish:

Year 7 Monday R1

Year 8 Wednesday R1

Year 9 Thursday Y16

Year 10 Tuesday Y16

Year 11 Monday and Thursday G30; G35

Finally, upon their return, it may be that teachers ask your child to complete the odd quiz or short test to see how much of lockdown content has been understood. We want to reassure you that this will not be anything to worry about and is *diagnostic* only i.e. will only be used to help teachers plan and fill in any learning / knowledge gaps. It's important to us that all our students continue to thrive and progress through their curriculum as normal.

3. Year 9 updates:

Options process: Well done to everyone in Year 9 who has already decided upon their GCSE options. **The deadline for filling in the form is tomorrow, Friday 5th March.** You can access the options choice form here [Key Stage 4 Options Form \(office.com\)](#). If you have any questions about the options process, please contact me at school, you can e-mail me year9@tretherras.net

A note on testing: you will have received separate communication via e-mail yesterday about our testing procedures in school. This information is also on our website.

As always, should you have any questions, about any of the above, please email enquiries@tretherras.net, or call the school directly.

Thank you again for all your continued support – it certainly takes a whole community to educate a child and your encouragement has been invaluable.

Best wishes



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Head of Year 9